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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 09/408,142 Examiner: Marx, I.
Filed: September 29, 1999
Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2002.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to February 19, 2003.

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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on February 19, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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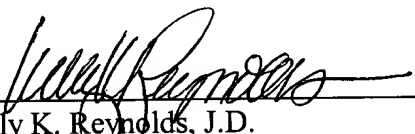
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Check No. 530298 is enclosed in the total amount of \$1,140.00 as balance of the Three-Month Extension of Time fee, \$820.00 (\$930.00 - \$110.00 one-month extension of time fee paid with Response to Final filed December 19, 2002) and the \$320.00 Notice of Appeal fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of the Transmittal Sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 19, 2003



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